GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONDITION OF PRIMITIVE TRIBAL GROUPS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared the ethnographic profile on 'Onges' and 'Jarawas' the primitive Tribal Groups; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (Shri P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) & (b) : The UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar (A&N) Islands has prepared a Master Plan (1991-2021) for the welfare of all the Primitive Tribal Groups of A&N Islands which inter-alia includes the details of population, dwelling and material culture, subsistence and health etc. of 'Onges' and 'Jarawas' as well.

In addition the Committee of Experts constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs got a detailed study/survey conducted on 'Jarawas' which inter-alia includes the ethnographic profile of Jarawas. This forms part of the Report of Expert Committee on the Jarawas of Andaman Islands submitted in July 2003.